

Need another word that means the same as “surreal”? Find 25 synonyms and 30 related words for “surreal” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Surreal” are: phantasmagoric, phantasmagorical, surrealist, dreamlike, zany, madcap, offbeat, quirky, outlandish, eccentric, idiosyncratic, ridiculous, nonsensical, crazy, absurd, insane, far out, fantastic, bizarre, peculiar, weird, odd, strange, cranky, freakish

Surreal as an Adjective

Definitions of "Surreal" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “surreal” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Characterized by fantastic imagery and incongruous juxtapositions-J.C.Powys.*
- *Resembling a dream.*
- *Having the qualities of surrealism; bizarre.*
- *Characterized by fantastic imagery and incongruous juxtapositions.*



Synonyms of "Surreal" as an adjective (25 Words)

absurd	Inconsistent with reason or logic or common sense. <i>It may look absurd but having a treadmill desk could improve your attention span.</i>
bizarre	Very strange or unusual. <i>A bizarre situation.</i>
cranky	Bad-tempered; irritable. <i>A cranky scheme to pipe ground level ozone into the stratosphere.</i>
crazy	Mad, especially as manifested in wild or aggressive behaviour. <i>Crazy about cars and racing.</i>
<u>dreamlike</u>	Resembling a dream. <i>She snapped out of her dreamlike state.</i>
<u>eccentric</u>	Not having a common center; not concentric. <i>Eccentric circles.</i>
fantastic	Of an extraordinary size or degree. <i>Fantastic Halloween costumes.</i>
far out	Being of a considerable distance or length.
freakish	Conspicuously or grossly unconventional or unusual. <i>A freakish combination of styles.</i>
<u>idiosyncratic</u>	Relating to idiosyncrasy; peculiar or individual. <i>She emerged as one of the great idiosyncratic talents of the nineties.</i>
<u>insane</u>	(of an action or quality) characterized or caused by madness. <i>Took insane risks behind the wheel.</i>
madcap	Characterized by undue haste and lack of thought or deliberation; ('brainish' is archaic). <i>Madcap escapades.</i>
nonsensical	Having no intelligible meaning. <i>A nonsensical argument.</i>
<u>odd</u>	Beyond or deviating from the usual or expected. <i>They lost a close fought game by the odd goal in five.</i>
offbeat	Informal terms; strikingly unconventional. <i>A rapid tempo is essential here otherwise we will not sense the offbeat hemiolas.</i>
outlandish	Foreign or alien. <i>Three wise outlandish kings.</i>

peculiar	Slightly and indefinably unwell. <i>Any attempt to explicate the theme is bound to run into peculiar difficulties.</i>
phantasmagoric	Characterized by fantastic imagery and incongruous juxtapositions–J.C.Powys. <i>A great concourse of phantasmagoric shadows.</i>
phantasmagorical	Characterized by fantastic imagery and incongruous juxtapositions–J.C.Powys.
<u>quirky</u>	Informal terms; strikingly unconventional. <i>Her sense of humour was decidedly quirky.</i>
ridiculous	So unreasonable as to invite derision. <i>It seems absolutely ridiculous that anyone would try to pull a stunt like this.</i>
strange	Unaccustomed to or unfamiliar with. <i>What a strange sense of humor she has.</i>
surrealistic	Characterized by fantastic imagery and incongruous juxtapositions.
<u>weird</u>	Strikingly odd or unusual. <i>The three weird sisters.</i>
zany	Amusingly unconventional and idiosyncratic. <i>His zany humour.</i>



Usage Examples of "Surreal" as an adjective

- *The incongruous imagery in surreal art and literature.*
- *As irrational and surreal as a dream.*
- *A surreal mix of fact and fantasy.*



Associations of "Surreal" (30 Words)

<u>abstraction</u>	The process of removing something, especially water from a river or other source. <i>She sensed his momentary abstraction.</i>
bizarre	Very strange or unusual. <i>His behaviour became more and more bizarre.</i>
creative	A person whose job involves creative work. <i>Change unleashes people's creative energy.</i>
creativity	The ability to create.
daydream	Indulge in a daydream. <i>She looked out the window daydreaming.</i>
<u>delusion</u>	A mistaken or unfounded opinion or idea. <i>What a capacity television has for delusion.</i>
<u>dream</u>	Experience dreams during sleep. <i>Her new man is an absolute dream.</i>
<u>dreamer</u>	Someone guided more by ideals than by practical considerations. <i>A rebellious young dreamer.</i>

dreamland	A pleasing country existing only in dreams or imagination. <i>She tries to lull herself into dreamland.</i>
eerie	Strange and frightening. <i>An eerie midnight howl.</i>
envisage	Form a mental picture of (something not yet existing or known). <i>The Rome Treaty envisaged free movement across frontiers.</i>
escapism	An inclination to retreat from unpleasant realities through diversion or fantasy. <i>His alcohol problem was a form of escapism.</i>
fancied	Formed or conceived by the imagination. <i>A fancied wrong.</i>
fanciful	Not based on fact; existing only in the imagination. <i>The falsehood about some fanciful secret treaties.</i>
<u>fantasy</u>	Fiction with a large amount of imagination in it. <i>His researches had moved into the realms of fantasy.</i>
fiction	A literary work based on the imagination and not necessarily on fact. <i>They were supposed to be keeping up the fiction that they were happily married.</i>
<u>hallucination</u>	An experience involving the apparent perception of something not present. <i>He refused to believe that the angel was a hallucination.</i>
hallucinatory	Of or resembling a hallucination. <i>The bizarre hallucinatory dreams of fever.</i>
illusory	Based on illusion; not real. <i>She knew the safety of her room was illusory.</i>
<u>imagery</u>	Visual images collectively. <i>The film's religious imagery.</i>
<u>imaginary</u>	(mathematics) a number of the form $a+bi$ where a and b are real numbers and i is the square root of -1 . <i>Chris had imaginary conversations with her.</i>
<u>imagination</u>	The faculty or action of forming new ideas, or images or concepts of external objects not present to the senses. <i>She was set in her ways and lacked imagination.</i>
<u>imagine</u>	Suppose or assume. <i>After Ned died everyone imagined that Mabel would move away.</i>
megalomania	Obsession with the exercise of power.
<u>paranoid</u>	A person who is paranoid. <i>Paranoid schizophrenia.</i>

- psychosis** A severe mental disorder in which thought and emotions are so impaired that contact is lost with external reality.
*The symptoms of **psychosis**.*
- reverie** A fanciful or impractical idea or theory.
*A knock on the door broke her **reverie**.*
- tale** A lie.
*A delightful children s **tale**.*
- visionary** Thinking about or planning the future with imagination or wisdom.
***Visionary** dreams.*
- visualize** Form a mental picture of something that is invisible or abstract.
*The radiologist can **visualize** the cancerous liver.*

